GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES DUE TO STORAGE SHORTAGE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Managers, FCI are entrusted with the duty for fixing norms of storage shortages;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fixing the norms;

(c) the losses suffered by FCI due to storage shortages and purchase of sub-standard food grains during the last three years ;

(d) whether the Government has made any enquiry into these matters; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b) : No Sir. Each case of loss is considered carefully on its merits taking in to consideration the relevant factors.

(c) : Foodgrains are procured as per prescribed specifications.The details of losses due to storage and transit of foodgrains that occurred during the last three years is as below:-

Qty. in lakh MT and value in Rs.Cr.

Year	Transit loss			Storage loss		
	Qty. of loss	Value	%	Qty. of loss	Value	%
1999-00	2.95	234.82	1.17	1.72	157.25	0.34
2000-01	1.55	134.76	0.84	1.56	145.31	0.42
2001-02	1.42	123.12	0.61	1.44	143.02	0.25

(d)&(e): The cases of transit loss/storage loss are investigated taking into consideration relevant factors and appropriate action, including disciplinary action against the delinquents, is taken.Penalties imposed during the last three years are as under:

Years	No. of Employees
2001	1367 (including 44 Cat. I officers)
2002	2425 (including 65 Cat. I officers)
2003	2091 (including 33 Cat. I officers)